GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3585
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INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in number of unemployed persons during the last decade in comparison to previous decade;

(b) if so, whether the decline in employment opportunities for women is more in comparison to men; and

(c) if so, the action plan formulated to arrest this trend?

Answer

UNION MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a): As per the sample surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation from time to time, estimated unemployment in the country in the year 1983, 1987-88, 1993-1994 and 1999-2000 was of the order of 60 lakh, 90 lakh, 75 lakh and 90 lakh respectively.

(b): Estimated employment for the males and females in the year 1983, 1987-88, 1993-94 and 1999-2000 are given in the Annexure.

(c): The approach to Tenth Plan focusses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention would be paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3585 DUE FOR REP 7.4.2003.

Year	Estimated employment (in millions)				Total
	Male	Percentage increase (simple average) per annum	Female	Percentage increase (simple average) per annum	
1983	200.13	-	102.19	-	302.75
1987-88	217.50	1.74	107.11	0.96	324.29
1993-1994	252.76	2.70	121.63	2.26	374.45
1999-2000	273.98	1.40	123.04	0.19	397.00